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AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the items of information listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign patent documents, non-published patent application, and non-patent literature listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is provided.

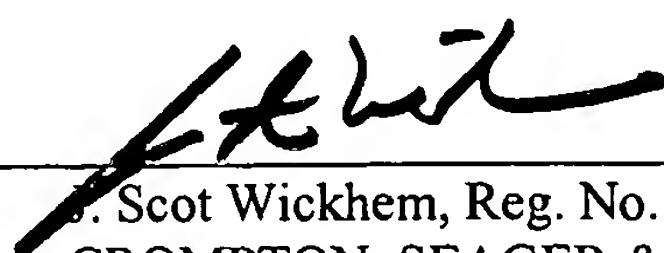
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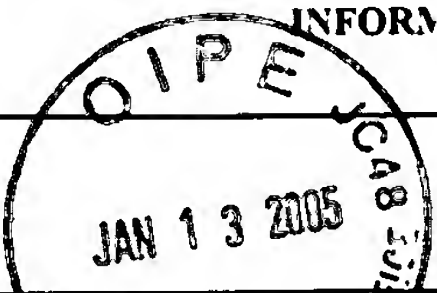
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US 2003/0135198	07/17/2003	Berhow et al.		
	6,159,187	12/12/2000	Park et al.		
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	TRANSLATION	
					YES	NO
	EP 0 617 977	10/05/1994	EPO			
	WO 98/50098	11/12/1998	WIPO			
	WO 02/11806	02/14/2002	WIPO			

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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